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FORMALITIES LETTER
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

#### **Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
   Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filling fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1,2,5,6.
  - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 5.

#### **SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$900 for a Large Entity

• \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.

• \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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# See www.uspto.gov for complete FY 2003 and FY-2004 Fee Schedules

\* Indicates fees remain at FY 2003 amount

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DESCRIPTION	FY 2003	FY 2004
Basic filing fee - Utility	\$750	\$770
Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity)	\$375	\$385
Independent claims in excess of three	\$84	\$86
Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity)	\$42	\$43
Claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*
Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	. \$9	· \$9*
Multiple dependent claim	\$280	\$290
Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity)	\$140	\$145
Surcharge - Late filing fee	\$130	\$130
Surcharge - Late filing fee (Small Entity)	\$65	\$65
Design filing fee	\$330	\$340
Design filing fee (Small Entity)	\$165	\$170
Plant filing fee	\$520	\$530
Plant filing fee (Small Entity)	\$260	\$265
Reissue filing fee	\$750	\$770
Reissue filing fee (Small Entity)	\$375	\$385
Reissue independent claims	\$84	\$86
Reissue independent claims (Small Entity)	\$42	\$43
Reissue claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*
Reissue claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*
Provisional application filing fee	\$160	\$160*
Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity)	\$80	\$80*
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee	\$50	\$50*
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee (Small Entity)	\$25	\$25*
Non-English Specification	\$130	\$130*
Extension - First month	\$110	\$110*
Extension - First month (Small Entity)	\$55	\$55*
Extension - Second month	\$410	\$420
Extension - Second month (Small Entity)	\$205	\$210
Extension - Third month	\$930	\$950
Extension - Third month (Small Entity)	\$465	\$475
Extension - Fourth month	\$1,450	\$1,480
Extension - Fourth month (Small Entity)	\$725	\$740
Extension - Fifth month	\$1,970	\$2,010
Extension - Fifth month (Small Entity)	\$985	\$1,005
Petition	\$130	\$130°
Processing returned checks	\$50	\$501

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